# HA750B - 1500B HOT AIR DRYER OPERATING MANUAL

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## DRYER OPERATION/ FEATURES



The HA750-1500 Hot Air dryer series is ideal for drying non-hygroscopic resins such as polypropylene and polyethylene. The moisture associated with these resins resides on the surface of the pellets. The surface moisture on these resins is easily removed by a flow of hot air.

Resins such as polycarbonates, ABS, and Nylons are hygroscopic, absorbing moisture into the pellet. These resins require a dryer equipped to desiccate the air stream and may not be suitable for a Hot Air dryer.

#### Air Flow

The airflow of the HA series dryers is circulated through a heater cabinet containing up to 9 tubular heaters and the material hopper by a fan type blower specified below.

HA750 750 cfm Blower HA1000 1000 cfm Blower HA1500 1500 cfm Blower

The HA series dryers are compatible with many types of material hoppers. The hopper must be designed to allow good material flow and should be equipped with a diffuser basket so that air flow through the hopper is not impeded. To ensure proper air flow, we strongly recommend that you use a Dri-Air hopper described below.

#### **Hopper Design**

These dryers are designed to be used with our large capacity 1000, 1500, and 2000 lb. hoppers. Dri-Air's "all stainless" hopper design utilizes a stainless steel inner shell surrounded by a stainless steel jacketed insulation layer. The easily removable stainless steel spreader cone promotes proper material flow to ensure that the material is dried efficiently and no undried material is left at the hopper bottom that needs to be fed out prior to operating. You must ensure that your hopper is adequately sized for your usage rate and is kept filled, to ensure that you have sufficient time to dry the material.

#### **Dryer Controls**

The HA series dryers are supplied with a digital temperature controller that allows the operator to easily monitor dryer performance and input operational settings. The controller is factory set and requires no additional programming.

The controller is used in conjunction with a 6 inch long 0.125"

# DRYER OPERATION/ FEATURES (Cont.)

diameter Type J thermocouple that is placed in inlet air stream of the material hopper.

These dryers are designed to operate between 120 and 250 degrees F (49-121 degrees C). Operating outside these parameters may lead to temperature control problems.

#### **Dryer Configuration**

The HA750 - 1500 series dryers are designed to be portable and utilize a very compact footprint. The dryer's base dimensions are typically 39" wide by 42" long by 78" high. (99.1 x 106.7 x 198.1 cm) The dryers are equipped to operate at 380/460/600 volts, 3 phase at 50/60 HZ.

The dryer is configured with a 6" (15.3 cm) O.D. process air outlet and supplied with 12 feet (3.6 meters) of 500 degree F (260 deg. C) rated hose to connect with the material hopper and a 0.125" Type J thermocouple with an armored connector wire.

Setup and installation instructions are covered on page 6 of this manual.

#### **Electrical Connection:**

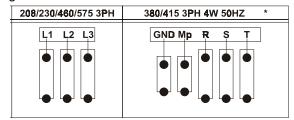
# INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

Open electrical access door on the front of the electrical panel enclosure box by turning the disconnect off and loosening the screws on the clamping tabs for the door. Locate the disconnect by following the operating handle down to the electrical panel.

Insert the incoming power cable or conduit through the hole provided on the side of the enclosure.

« use approved wire and fastening means «

Wire incoming power to the top of the disconnect as shown in the diagrams below.



#### NOTE:

When 3 wire supplies are used in place of 4 wire supplies, a control transformer is required.

# 3 PHASE DRYER INSTALLATION CHECK FOR CORRECT MOTOR ROTATION BEFORE RUNNING DRYER

To check blower motor rotation......

Turn on the power to the dryer and turn the **START/STOP** Actuator on the dryer's electrical panel enclosure and quickly press the **E-STOP** button. Observe the cooling fan on the blower motor. The motor should rotate in a "clockwise" direction or as shown by the arrows on the blower housing. If the motor is rotating counterclockwise, switch any two adjacent supply wires.

#### **Process Air Thermocouple Connection:**

The dryer is supplied with a 6' long 0.125" Type J Thermocouple with a 18 foot armored connecting cable and compression fitting.

Install the compression fitting into the inlet port of the material hopper and insert the thermocouple so the tip of the probe is situated in the center of the air stream and tighten the compression fitting.

Connect the cable to the thermocouple plug on the side of the dryer's electrical panel enclosure.

The unit is now ready for operation.

#### **Dryer Start-up**

#### START-UP PROCEDURE

To start dryer follow the instructions below.

Turn disconnect to the ON position.

Turn START/STOP Actuator to RIGHT and release.

- 1. Green ON light indicates there is power on.
- 2. Blower starts.
- 3. Amber Heater light indicates heaters on.
- To set the process air temperature see following section.
- 5. Upper display on controller indicates actual process air temperature.
- 6. Lower display on controller indicates process air temperature set point.

#### **Setting Process Air Temperature**

Using the Digital Temperature Controller pictured to the left:

Press <u>SET</u> button and the red Temperature Set display (labeled SV) will flash.

Press the < to move cursor to desired digit and press up arrow to increase temperature and down arrow to decrease temperature set point.

Press **SET** again to enter the new temperature.

If the upper Process Air Temperature display (labeled PV) flashes, the temperature is out of the lower control range. The display will flash until the temperature rises above low limit.

If the display shows  $\underline{0000}$  the thermocouple is not connected or is faulty.

#### **Dryer Shutdown**

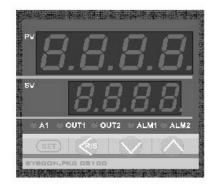
#### Routine Shutdown

To stop the dryer, turn the START/STOP Actuator to the LEFT. The dryer heaters will shut off as indicated by the amber light, but the blower will continue to run for one minute to allow the heaters to cool. The blower will then shut off. Return the START/STOP Actuator to the neutral position.

#### **Emergency Shutdown**

Should the need arise to stop the dryer due to an emergency situation, simply press the red E-STOP button on the electrical panel enclosure. This will shut off power to the blower and heaters.

CAUTION: Do not use the E-STOP for routine shutdown.



## **Operating the Dryer**

# DRYER OPERATION & ROUTINE MAINTENEANCE

The Hot Air Dryer series is equipped with several features to facilitate their safe operation. Each dryer is equipped with a process air heater safety override that will actuate in the event the heaters "run away", as well as a "Heater Cool Down" cycle, that keeps the blower operating for a short period of time after the dryer is shut down.

#### Heater Cool Down

To facilitate a quicker cooling of the process heaters, the dryer blower will operate for approximately one minute and then automatically stop after the dryer is shut down using the START/STOP actuator. This feature will not actuate if the dryer is shut down by pushing the E-STOP button.

#### High Temp Safety Override

The dryer is equipped with a safety snap disc located in the heater terminal compartment of the heater box. This snap disc will actuate when the temperature exceeds 550 degrees F, cutting power to the heaters. The blower wil continue to operate so that the heaterbox will not overheat and must be shut down manually with the START/STOP actuator. The heaters will not operate until the unit cools down.

#### **Routine Maintenance**

Our Hot Air dryers are capable of operating in heavy industrial to clean room environments with no significant loss in performance. In order to maintain this high level of performance, the operator should take the following steps:

#### Hopper Maintenance/Material Control

- 1. In order to ensure that material is sufficiently dried;
  - a. The material hopper should be kept filled to a constant, predetermined level to allow sufficient dwell time in the hopper to dry the material
  - b. To ensure proper air flow through the hopper, always keep the level of material above the spreader cone on the diffuser basket, ensuring that it is completely covered.
  - c. Routinely clean the hopper and diffuser basket by removing the spreader cone assembly and blowing the basket and hopper out with compressed air.
  - d. Do not overfill the hopper, blocking the exhaust port at the top.

#### Filter Maintenance

1. Routinely remove and clean the filter element (Strongly recommended that this be performed **weekly**.) by blowing it

out with compressed air. DO NOT OPERATE DRYER WITHOUT FILTER ELEMENT INSTALLED.

#### **Heater Maintenance**

Annually check terminal connections on each heater element for looseness. Ensure that they are tight to prevent overheat conditions.

# BASIC TROUBLESHOOTING

## **Basic Trouble-Shooting**

In the unlikely event that an operating failure should arise, take the following steps to troubleshoot the problem.

#### 1. Blower does not rotate:

- a. Check incoming power fuses or circuit breaker
- b. Check all dryer fuses with multimeter.
- c. Check blower overload.

#### 2. Inaccurate process air temperature readout:

- a. Ensure thermocouple tip is situated in center of air stream.
- b. Check hose connection.
- c. Check Heater ON light.

#### 3. Air Flow Circuit:

- a. Check outlet port on hopper and ensure that no material is obstructing air flow through hopper.
- b. Make sure that process air hose is properly connected, not crushed, and free from obstructions.
- c. Inspect filter and make sure cover is tight and the filter element is clean.

#### 4. Temperature Controller display flashing:

- a. Check for open or disconnected thermocouple.
- b. Temperature exceeded "High Limit".
- c. Check thermocouple location.

#### 5. Process Air Heaters will not actuate

- a. Allow dryer to cool. Safety snap disc may have tripped.
- b. Check safety snap disc in heater box.

#### 6. Operating Conditions:

 a. Check the process temperature. It should <u>not</u> be set below 125 degrees F (52 degrees C) or above 250 degrees (121 degrees C).

## **PARTS LIST**

#### HA750 & 1000

<u>GENERAL</u>	DESCRIPTION	PART NO
	Blower Filter Element Thermocouple (Process) Blower - 750-1000CFM (480v) Blower - 750-1000CFM (575v) Process Air Hose - 6" Caster (Swivel) Caster (Fixed)	83233 82163 83674 83747 83715 81799 81798
ELECTRICAL	Disconnect (480v) Disconnect (575v) Transformer (480v)	82714 83684 80063
NOTE: TO ORDER BLOWERS OR OVERLOAD REFER TO PART NUMBER ON ITEM.	Transformer (575v) Blower Overload (480v) Blower Overload* (480v) Blower Overload (575v) Blower Overload*	82713 82683 84858 82731 84857
*: IEC CONTACTOR/OVERLOADS USED IN ALL FM, PD, HA & HM DRYERS AND CLL POWER PACKS WITH SERIAL NUMBERS GREATER THAN D14650	Solid State Heater Relay IEC Contactor (Blower) IEC Contactor* (Blower) IEC Contactor (Heater) Start/Cool Down Switch E-Stop Button Disconnect Handle Digital Controller Single Pole Relay Timer Amber Light Green Light	84817 80576 84860 84818 84547 81314 82729 84016 82496 83442 80074

<u>HEATERS</u> <u>480V</u> <u>600V</u>

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## **PARTS LIST**

#### HA1500

	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	PART NO
GENERAL	Blower Filter Element Thermocouple (Process) Blower - 750-1500CFM (480v) Blower - 750-1500CFM (575v) Process Air Hose - 6" Caster (Swivel) Caster (Fixed)	83233 82163 83674 83747 83715 81799 81798
ELECTRICAL  NOTE:  TO ORDER BLOWERS OR  OVERLOAD REFER TO  PART NUMBER ON ITEM.	Disconnect (480v) Disconnect (575v) Transformer (480v) Transformer (575v) Blower Overload (480v) Blower Overload* (480v) Blower Overload (575v) Blower Overload* (575v) Solid State Heater Relay	82174 83684 80063 83562 82683 84858 82731 84857 84817
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